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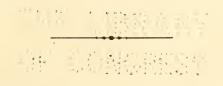
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CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Society is the MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS.

The object of the Society is to discover, procure and preserve whatever of interest may relate to the natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of St. Louis and Missouri.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society are: President, first Vice-President, second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Curator.

The President, as ex officio Chairman, the Vice-Presidents, and five other members to be annually appointed by the President, at the first meeting after his election, shall constitute a Board of Directors for this Society.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence a Chairman, pro tem., shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall also deliver an oration before the Society at the anniversary meeting, unless some other person is appointed for that purpose by the Society.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall, at every meeting of the Society, report such letters and communications as he may have received; he shall prepare all letters to be written in connection with the business and objects of the Society, and transmit the same; but the Society may appoint a committee to prepare a letter or letters on any specific subject; he shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as he shall be directed by the Society, and shall transmit to them their proper diploma, or certificate of membership; he shall keep true copies of all letters of importance written in behalf of the Society, and shall carefully preserve said copies, and the original of all letters and communications received, and shall deposit the same in the Library.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Charter, Constitution, By-Laws and Records of the Society; he, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society; he shall give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same; he shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and of the Board of Directors, of which he is ex officio Secretary.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of the funds and securities of the Society; he shall pay no moneys, except by vote of the Society, or by order of

the Board of Directors; he shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and securities of the Society that may come into his hands, and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, and shall present a full and accurate report thereof to the Society at their annual meeting. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Board of Directors.

LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian, in connection with the Board of Directors, shall have charge and control of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts and other property of the Society appropriate to a library, and prepare and keep a proper catalogue of the same; he shall acknowledge donations to the library, under the seal of the Society; he shall keep a regular and exact account of all books taken out, with the names of the persons who take them, and the dates when they were borrowed and returned; he shall report in writing to the Board of Directors, before each monthly meeting, the name of every book that has been out of the library for a longer time than is permitted by the By-Laws, and the names of the persons having borrowed such books, and also any injury to the books or other property in his charge and not repaired, and the names of the persons responsible therefor; he shall, at every monthly meeting, report all donations made to the library since the last monthly meeting, with the name of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the condition and wants of the library; and he shall be present in person, or by his assistant, at the regular hours, and at such other times as may be appointed for keeping it open.

CURATOR.

The Curator shall have charge of all coins, works of art, remains of antiquities, curiosities of nature, and other articles appropriate to the Society's museum, and shall make and keep correct catalogues of the same; he shall acknowledge donations made to the museum; at every monthly meeting, he shall report whatever may have been added to the collections of the museum; and at the annual meeting he shall present a full report of its condition and progress.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors shall have general control of the property and affairs of the Society; they shall have power to authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated moneys in the treasury for the payment of the salaries, current expenses, fitting up the library and museum, the ordinary purchase of books, binding, repairing, printing, stationery, and other necessary outlays; they shall, in connection with the Librarian and Curator, have charge of the regulation and arrangement of the library and museum, and shall, before the annual meeting in each year, make a careful examination of the same—comparing the books, manuscripts, and other articles in each with their catalogues respectively, and report at the annual meeting in detail concerning their condition; they shall have authority to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and shall examine and audit his annual report at least one week before it is presented to the Society; it shall be their duty to solicit and receive donations for the Society; to recommend plans for promoting its objects, and generally to superintend the interests of the Society,

and execute all such duties as may be committed to them by the Society; they shall, at every regular meeting of the Society, report all their transactions since the last meeting, presenting, at the same time, such business as they may deem advisable; they shall prepare and arrange, as far as may be in their power, the order of literary exercises; at the annual meeting they shall make a full and general report of the condition of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members. The number of resident members shall be unlimited, and they shall be persons residing in the city of St. Louis or its immediate vicinity. Corresponding and honorary members shall be persons residing elsewhere.

Resident members, on removing from this city or its immediate vicinity, and on giving notice thereof to the Recording Secretary, shall thereafter be corresponding members; and in like manner corresponding members coming to reside in the city or immediate vicinity, shall cease to be corresponding members, and on giving like notice shall thereafter be resident members.

ELECTIONS.

The officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting held on Saturday preceding the 11th day of August of each year, and shall thereafter hold their respective positions for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places; and until the first election of officers under this Constitution, the Society shall at once proceed to elect such officers, who

shall hold and continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Members shall be elected as follows: The candidates shall be proposed publicly at a meeting of the Society by a resident member; but in case of rejection, or until the election of the candidate, members are bound in honor not to disclose the name. The nominations, together with the name of the member making them, shall be entered on the minutes, and referred to the Board of Directors; the reports of Directors recommending candidates for election shall be made to the Society at a regular meeting following that at which the nominations were made; and if any member demand a ballot, the election shall be by ballot, and seven negative votes shall exclude; if no ballot be demanded, the candidates so recommended shall be declared duly elected members of the Society.

FEES AND DUES.

Each resident member shall on admission pay ten dollars (\$10) as initiation fees and dues for the current year, and annually thereafter five dollars (\$5) as dues; or, in lieu thereof, a life-membership fee of fifty dollars (\$50) as a commutation for all regular fees and dues. Should any member fail to pay the said fees and dues for two years successively, or at any time refuse to pay the same, the Board of Directors shall erase his name from the list of members, and he shall no longer be a member of the Society.

QUORUM.

At every regular meeting eight members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but the election or expulsion of members, or in the alteration or amendment of the Constitution, or other important matter not already having received the sanction of the Board of Directors, fifty of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

There shall be no alteration or amendment of this Constitution, except on vote of two-thirds of the active members; and no such amendment or alteration shall be finally acted upon except at a regular meeting, unless notice thereof in writing shall have been given one month previous.

BY-LAWS.

This Society shall be governed by the strict rules of Parliamentary practice as set forth in Cushing's Manual.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT.

HON. JAMES H. LUCAS.

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W. F. Cozzens.

TREASURER.

HON. JOHN F. DARBY.

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G. Erskine,
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H. W. Smith,
S. G. Sears,
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W. C. Taylor,
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P. S.—If any members' names are omitted in the above list, they will please inform the Secretary of the fact.

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